
SENATE BILL No. 324

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-23-1.

Synopsis: Regulation of advanced practice nurses. Places limitations on collaboration agreements between an advanced practice nurse and a physician. Provides that if an advanced practice nurse and a practitioner are operating in collaboration under a practice agreement: (1) the practitioner's practice location must be located not more than 50 miles from the advanced practice nurse's practice location; and (2) the advanced practice nurse may provide health care to a patient in accordance with the practice agreement only if the practitioner has performed a complete physical examination of the patient not more than one year before the advanced practice nurse provides the health care.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 11, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-23-1-19.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 19.3. The following limitations**
4 **apply to a practice agreement entered into between an advanced**
5 **practice nurse and a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5:**

6 **(1) Not more than three (3) advanced practice nurses at a time**
7 **may enter into a practice agreement with one (1) physician.**

8 **(2) An advanced practice nurse must have been employed by**
9 **the physician for at least one (1) year before the advanced**
10 **practice nurse may enter into a practice agreement with the**
11 **physician.**

12 SECTION 2. IC 25-23-1-19.4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
13 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 19.4. (a) As used in this
14 section, "practitioner" has the meaning set forth in IC 16-42-19-5.
15 However, the term does not include the following:

16 (1) A veterinarian.

17 (2) An advanced practice nurse.



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1 (b) An advanced practice nurse shall operate in collaboration with
2 a licensed practitioner as evidenced by a practice agreement, or by
3 privileges granted by the governing board of a hospital licensed under
4 IC 16-21 with the advice of the medical staff of the hospital that sets
5 forth the manner in which an advanced practice nurse and a licensed
6 practitioner will cooperate, coordinate, and consult with each other in
7 the provision of health care to their patients.

8 (c) **If an advanced practice nurse and a licensed practitioner**
9 **operate in collaboration under a practice agreement described in**
10 **subsection (b), the:**

11 (1) **licensed practitioner's practice location must be located**
12 **not more than fifty (50) miles by road, using the most direct**
13 **route available, from the advanced practice nurse's practice**
14 **location; and**

15 (2) **advanced practice nurse may provide health care to a**
16 **patient in accordance with the practice agreement only if the**
17 **licensed practitioner has performed a complete physical**
18 **examination of the patient not more than one (1) year before**
19 **the advanced practice nurse provides health care to the**
20 **patient.**

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